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METHOD FOR DETECTING A LIPOPROTEIN-ACUTE PHASE PROTEIN

COMPLEX AND PREDICTING AN INCREASED RISK OF SYSTEM FAILURE

OR MORTALITY

August 25, 2004

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Action dated March 25, 2004. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this document.

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